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SUBJECT: MUBARAK ON LIBYAN ARMS DEAL

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH VP MUBARAK PUBLISHED JULY 10 BY WEEKLY MAGAZINE AL-MUSAWWAR, VP IS QUOTED AS SAYING EGYPT HA NO OBJECTION TO SOVIETS SUPPLYING ARMS TO LIBYA AS IT IS WITHIN LIBYA'S RIGHTS TO BUY ARMS. HE ADDED THAT HE COULD NEVERTHELESS NOT SEE THE POINT OF LIBYA'S BUYING OFFENSIVE WEAPONS WHEN SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO UE THEM. "THIS IS THE QUESTION THAT NEEDS AN ANSWER". HE SAID.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS MOST MODERATE STATEMENT THAT HAS COME OUT OF GOE ON SUBJECT OF SOVIET ARMS TO LIBYA SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARMS DEAL LAST MAY. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST THAT REMARKS COME FROM SADAT'S FLEDGLING VICE PRESIDENT RATHER THAN FROM SADAT HIMSELF. PRESIDENT HAS BEEN MAJOR SOURCE

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OF LOUD COMPLAINTS ON SOVIET/LIBYAN DEAL, AND SEEMS TO HAVE

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